

be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for S.J. Res. 22. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to commit. Furthermore, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 3662. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from January 14, 2016, through January 22, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Lastly, in section 5 the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4. Testimony was heard from Chairman Royce and Representatives Engel, Russell, Gibbs, Mooney of West Virginia, and Lowenthal.

SBA'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE: GOOD FOR BUSINESS?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled "SBA's Office of International Trade: Good for Business?". Testimony was heard from Eileen Sanchez, Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1333)

H.R. 2270, to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–101)

H.R. 2297, to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–102)

H.R. 2693, to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum". Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–103)

H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–104)

H.R. 3594, to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–105)

H.R. 3831, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–106)

H.R. 4246, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–107)

H.J. Res. 76, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–108)

S. 614, to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–109)

S. 808, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–110)

S. 1090, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–111)

S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access

and small rural hospitals through 2015. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–112)

H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Signed on December 18, 2015. (Public Law 114–113)

H.R. 1321, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the manufacture and introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic microbeads. Signed on December 28, 2015. (Public Law 114–114)

S. 2425, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments. Signed on December 28, 2015. (Public Law 114–115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years (Reappointment), 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Addressing Special Populations”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Outside Views on the U.S. Strategy for Iraq and Syria and the Evolution of Islamic Extremism”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “National Academies Study on Peer Review and Design Competition in the NNSA National Security Laboratories”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “H.R. _____, the EPS Improvement Act of 2016”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “A Legislative Hearing on Four Communications Bills”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges Facing the National Flood Insurance Program”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 339, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia; H. Res. 343, expressing concern regarding persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups; and H. Res. 374, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Singaporean independence and reaffirming Singapore's close partnership with the United States; and hearing entitled “Human Rights in China: The 2015 Annual Report of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China”, 2:15 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3406, the “Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 4240, the “No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act”; and H.R. 1854, the “Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act of 2015”, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Exploring Energy Challenges and Opportunities Facing Puerto Rico”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1671, the “Government Neutrality in Contracting Act”; H.R. 3023, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes; the “Senior Executive Service Accountability Act”; the “Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016”; the “Official Personnel File Enhancement Act”; and the “Administrative Leave Reform Act”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies of the House Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Wassenaar: Cybersecurity and Export Control”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4084, the “Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Oversight of SBA's Access to Capital Offices”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Innovation and Investment at the SBA”, 3 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.